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OF THE

RECIPROCITY TREATY

OF

JUNE 5, 1854,

BETWEEN

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty,
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No. 1.

Mr. Adams to Earl Russell.—(Received March 17.)

My Lord, *Legation of the United States, London, March 17, 1865.*

UNDER instructions from the Government of the United States, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a certified copy of a joint resolution of the Congress of the United States, approved by the President on the 18th of January, 1865, in regard to the termination of the Treaty concluded between the United States and Her Britannic Majesty on the 5th of June, 1854, commonly known as the Reciprocity Treaty.

I have the honour further to inform you that I am directed to notify Her Majesty's Government that, as it is considered no longer for the interests of the United States to continue this Treaty in force, it will terminate and be of no further effect, as provided by the terms of the instrument, at the expiration of twelve months from the date of the reception by your Lordship of this notice.

I pray, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

Inclosure in No. 1.

Joint Resolution providing for the Termination of the Reciprocity Treaty of June 5, 1854, between the United States and Great Britain.

WHEREAS it is provided in the Reciprocity Treaty concluded at Washington, the 5th of June, 1854, between the United States of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of the other part, that this Treaty "shall remain in force for ten years from the date at which it may come into operation: and further, until the expiration of twelve months after either of the High Contracting Parties shall give notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same;" and whereas, it appears by a Proclamation of the President of the United States, bearing date 16th March, 1855, that the Treaty came into operation on that day; and whereas, further, it is no longer for the interests of the United States to continue the same in force; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notice be given of the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, according to the provision therein contained for the termination of the same; and the President of the United States is hereby charged with the communication of such notice to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Approved January 18, 1865.

No. 2.

Earl Russell to Mr. Adams.

Sir, *Foreign Office, March* 17, 1865.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day, containing a Resolution of the Congress of the United States approved by the President, in regard to the termination of the Treaty of 1854, commonly known as the Reciprocity Treaty.

Her Majesty will instruct Sir Frederick Bruce, on his proceeding to Washington as Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, upon this subject.

I am, &c.
(Signed) RUSSELL.

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